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**Cc:** Rep. Mushinsky, Mary; Sen. Fasano, Len; bikewalkct@bikewalkct.org  
**Subject:** I support HB 5403 on pedestrian & cyclist safety

To the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for proposing HB 5403, which would raise the penalties for motorists that drive recklessly and harm pedestrians or cyclists. I ride my bike, as often as I can, for transportation to work and for recreation. CT is a wonderful place to ride with the beautiful shoreline and many verdant roadways. This legislation would make the state even better for walking and biking.

I have often seen drivers taking chances that put other people in danger because they feel there are no consequences. We need drivers to be more careful and the best way to do that is to have more people walking and biking. We could have more confidence that drivers will be aware if they know that there are serious penalties to careful driving.

Please support HB 5403 : AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS AND FAILURE TO EXERCISE DUE CARE TO AVOID HITTING A PEDESTRIAN OR CYCLIST.

Thank you,  
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